



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Rosalind Brakenbury published her first collection of poetry in 1982, in the UK, following her first novel in 1971; and
- WHEREAS,** She came to the US in 1992 and found a US publisher for her collection of poems "The Beautiful Routes of the West" celebrating her arrival in Key West; and
- WHEREAS,** She has spent the last twenty years reading and learning from American poets such as Sharon Olds, Jane Hirschfield, Robert Bly and Harvey Shapiro, among many others; and
- WHEREAS,** She has attended the Key West Poetry Guild for 20 years, contributed to its ongoing existence along with her husband, Allen Meece, and has taught poetry classes both here in Key West and as a Creative Writing Fellow at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA; and
- WHEREAS,** She is a member of the American Academy of Poets and the Authors' Guild

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim

Rosalind Brackenbury

2015 Poet Laureate

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 7th day of April, 2015.

Craig Cates, Mayor

Jimmy Weekley, District I